

Prison term in killing

■ A Kansas City, Kan., man was sentenced to 15 years in prison Thursday for killing an Overland Park man.

Brion C. Scott, 19, originally was charged with first-degree murder in Johnson County District Court in the November 1995 death of Jason Hepner, 20. However, he pleaded guilty in June to second-degree murder under a plea bargain arrangement, agreeing to serve a longer sentence than usual for that crime, Assistant District Attorney Mike Warner said.

The usual punishment for second-degree murder is about eight years, about half of Scott's sentence. However, if Scott had been found guilty of first-degree murder, he could have faced life in prison.

Hepner was shot to death in the bedroom of his apartment in the 9200 block of West 79th Street. According to testimony in February, Hepner was selling marijuana, LSD and dank — cigarettes soaked in embalming fluid — from his bedroom.

Hepner was shot in the head, back, chest, mouth and hand. A metal box that Hepner kept drugs in was missing, according to testimony.